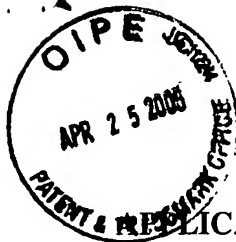


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APPLICANT: Menon et al. GROUP: 2881
SERIAL NO: 10/624,316 EXAMINER: Berman, Jack I.
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FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MASKLESS LITHOGRAPHY USING
AN ARRAY OF IMPROVED DIFFRACTIVE FOCUSING ELEMENT

Mail Stop RCE
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a request for Continued Examination (CE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Petition and Fee for Extension of Time

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on April 25, 2005 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EV622988035US addressed to the: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

b. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)

c. ☐ Other _____

4. Fee Payment

a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$395.00 is enclosed

b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any further extension and/or fee that is required in connection with this filing to Deposit Order Account 19-0079.

c. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0079.

Respectfully submitted,



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